(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) The Asian Development Bank have, in the loan negotiations held in November 1989 agreed, in principle, to provide a loan for the development of Kakinada Port in Andhra Pradesh. The total loan for the main project is estimated at US $ 59.9 million. The main components of the project are :—

(1) Construction of deepwater berths, navigational aids and associated facilities.

(2) Construction of breakwater and dredging of access channel, turning basin and berthing areas.

(3) Purchase of cargo handling equipments

(4) Purchase of tug boats and pilot launches.

Bifurcation of U.P. and Bihar

243. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for bifurcation of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and creation of one more new State ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if no, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There has been no occasion to examine this specific matter.

Radio Stations in Andhra Pradesh

244. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) by when the Tirupati Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh will start its broadcast;

(b) by when the high-powered TV Relay Station at Tirupati and Anantapur in A.P. will become operational ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set-up radio station at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) The Tirupati Radio Station is scheduled to be ready by March, 1990.

(b) High Power TV Transmitters under implementation at Anantapur and Tirupati are expected to be commissioned during 1990 and 1991, respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal in the approved 7th Plan to set up a Local Radio station with 2x3 KWFM Transmitter. Multipurpose Studio, Receiving Facilities and Staff Quarters at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. The building is ready and installation work has been taken up. This station is envisaged to be ready for commissioning in 1989-90 with an interim mast.